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SUBJECT: CST MEETING OF AD HOC GROUP ON MATERIALS

RESOURCES, DECEMBER 3, 1974

1. SUMMARY. AD HOC GROUP (9 MEMBER COUNTRIES) REACHED PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT ON MODEST 75 PROGRAM TO INCLUDE ONE CASE STUDY ON COPPER. NEXT MEETING JAN 30, 1975, DAY AFTER CST MEETING, TO CONSIDER: (A) DETAIL PLAN FOR COPPER CASE STUDY, (B) POSSIBLE SURVEY OR OVERVIEW OF MEMBER COUNTRY MATERIALS R & D PROGRAMS, (C) POSSIBLE CASE STUDY ON DELIMITED FIELD OF WOOD PARTICULARLY WITH REFERENCE TO USAGE, (D) POSSIBLE VERTICAL CROSS-CUT CASE STUDY SUCH AS MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY IN NEAR-TERM ENERGY PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

2. EXCEPT FOR US, GROUP QUITE RELUCTANT TO ENGAGE IN SIMPLE OVERVIEW OF NATIONAL EFFORTS ON MATERIALS R & D DUE TO BROAD, ILL-DEFINED FIELD TO COVER. THIS RELUCTANCE WAS MAINTAINED IN SPITE OF US PROPOSAL TO APPROACH OVERVIEW THROUGH FEW GENERAL QUESTIONS THAT MIGHT LEAD TO KIND OF INFO IN NAS COSMAT REPORT COVERING UNCLASSIFIED

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US EFFORTS ON MATERIALS R & D. US AGREED TO PROVIDE

SECRETARIAT ASAP SUGGESTED FRAMEWORK FOR OVERVIEW AND SPECIFIC QUESTIONS TO SEEK INFO FROM MEMBER COUNTRIES. THIS TO BE GIVEN FURTHER CONSIDERATION AT JAN 30 MEETING.

3. GROUP AGREED ONLY ON ONE PILOT CASE STUDY (COPPER) WITH POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING. TWO PHASE EFFORT (WOOD/CHROMIUM, RUBBER/COPPER) PROPOSED BY US RECEIVED NO SUPPORT. COPPER SELECTED AS FIRST SYSTEMS CASE STUDY TO DEVELOP METHODOLOGY AND ALSO BECAUSE MANY COUNTRIES ARE CONDUCTING STUDIES RELATED TO VARIOUS FACETS OF COPPER PROBLEM. MEMBER COUNTRIES REQUESTED TO PROVIDE SECRETARAIT ASAP WITH TITLES (AND ABSTRACTS OR BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS) OF COMPLETED OR ONGOING STUDIES PERTAINING TO COPPER.

4. US ALSO SUGGESTED CONSIDERATION OF A VERTICAL CROSS-CUT STUDY OF PROBLEM SUCH AS MATERIALS REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ENERGY SOURCES. BRIEF PRESENTATION GIVEN OF RECENT NAS STUDY ON MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY IN NEAR TERM ENERGY PROGRAM. THIS PROBLEM AREA, WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ALSO IN CONTEXT OF OECD ENERGY PROGRAM, WILL BE DISCUSSED AT JAN 30 MEETING OF AD HOC GROUP.

5. SUMMARY RECORD WITH NAMES/ADDRESSES OF PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ISSUED IN NEAR FUTURE. DELEGATES URGED TO PROVIDE SECRETARIAT, AND ONE ANOTHER DIRECTLY, BACKGROUND INFO PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS OF NEXT MEETING. DELEGATES ALSO REQUESTED TO PROVIDE SECRETARIAT ASAP LIST OF TITLES AND SOURCES OF COMPLETED AND ON-GOING NATIONAL STUDIES PERTAINING TO MATERIALS R & D.

6. COMMENT. SINCE CANADIAN DELEGATE TOOK LEAD IN RESTRICTING AND STRUCTURING PROPOSED OECD WORK ON MATERIALS R & D, RECOMMEND RADCLIFFE, STPO/NSF, GET IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH Y.O. FORTIER, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINES, AND RESOURCES, OTTAWA TO OUTLINE US PROGRAM

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